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Applicant(s): Sylvain SARDA

Serial No.: 09/455,408

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For: METHOD FOR MODELLING FLUID FLOWS IN A
FRACTURED MULTILAYER POROUS MEDIUM AND
CORRELATIVE INTERACTIONS IN A PRODUCTION WELL

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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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P.O. Box 1450
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December 24, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time to permit filing of a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the Final Rejection mailed on August 25, 2003.

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

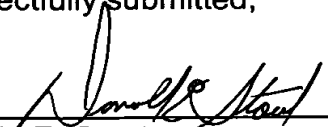
It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (612.37806X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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